

ARTICLES
TO BE ENQUIRED
OF WITHIN THE DIO-
CESSE OF LINCOLN,

In the generall and trienniall
Visitation of the Right Rever-
end Father in God

JOHN

By GODS providence Lord Bishop of
LINCOLN, to be held in the
yeares of our Lord God,
1630, & 1631.



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The Advertisement.

THe Minister and Churchwardens are to call unto them the neighbours of the Parish, and out of them to make chioce of two of the discreetest parishioners to be Sidemen, and they together are to reade over these articles diligently.

Then the Churchwardens are all of them to bring their presentments to the visitation, and there the Churchwardens and Sidemen upon their oaths are to deliver them up under their hands to the L. Bishops visitors.

The Minister (if he observe them negligent) is to put them in minde of such things as he knoweth needfull to be presented; and, in case they neglect, to give notice to the visitors.

Lastly, with their bill of presentment they are to certifie the names of all persons which have been married in their parish since the third day of *February* last, by any license or dispensation, and what ecclesiasticall judge granted the same: And also the names and surnames of all persons, which since the same day have died, possessed of any goods in their parish, and who do now possesse the same, and by what right. This will be particularly required of all Churchwardens.

The oath to be ministred to the Church-wardens and Sworn-men.

YOU shall duly enquire & true presentment make
of all offences and defaults mentioned in the ar-
ticles given you in charge, or otherwise against the Ec-
clesiasticall laws, together with the names of the se-
verall offenders therein: So help you God.

The form of drawing the bill of presentment.

THe Churchwardens presentment is to be made according to this following form, or as neare unto it as conveniently may be, and to be given up in a sheet of paper: *viz.*

At the L. Bishop of *Lincolns* visitation
held at the
day of 1631.

We the Churchwardens and Sidemen of
have diligently peru-
sed all the particulars contained in the first
head of our book of articles, and we present

And otherwise we have nothing to present concerning that head.

Also we have perused the second, &c.

And so the third, &c.

And under all let every Churchwarden and Sideman write or subscribe his own hand or mark to the presentment, and so deliver it. For it will be required of them to give an answer thus particularly unto every head of these articles, if not to every particular article in the book.



ARTICLES TO BE ENQUIRED OF VVITHIN THE DIO- CESSE OF LINCOLN.

1. Concerning Churches repaires, utensills, emolu-
ments, and abuse of Church and Churchyard.

I Hether is your Church or Chappell, and *Church*.
the Chancell sufficiently repaired in the *Chancell*.
walls, roof, seats, pavement, and windows;
and also the parsonage or vicaridge houses?

And whether is the Churchyard decently *churchyard*.
fenced with rales, pales, or walls, and by
whose default are any of these in decay; either of the Minister,
lay-person, appropriator, farmer, or parishioner? Set down
the names of those in whose time, or by whose means the said
decayes were made, or suffered to be made:

2. Whether have you in your Church or Chappell, a large *church books*.
Bible, a book of Common prayer by his Majestie confirmed,
two Psalters, the book of Homilies allowed by authority,
Erasmus his paraphrases, Bishop *Jewels* works, a convenient
pulpit and a pulpit cloth, a decent seat for the Minister & Clerk, *Pulpit*.
a chest for the Register book to be kept in with three locks and *Ministers seat*.
keies, whereof the Minister is to have one, and also a poore *Chest with three
locks*.
mans box after the same manner?

3. Whether have you a decent Font with a cover for Ba- *A Font*.
ptisme,

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*Communion table fine, and a decent Communion table with two covers, one of
ble.
Surplice.
Communion cup
Bells and bell-
ropes.*

silke, or some fine stoffe, another of linen, a faire surplice with sleeves, a Communion silver cup, and a stoop for the wine, sufficient bells and bell ropes for ringing? And whether have you had any necessaries or ornaments of your Church now fallen into decay, as bells, organes, or chimes, or a clock, or lofts to sit in, maintenance for singing, or any such like? and by whom are any of these withheld or taken away, or who have defaced, broken down, or taken away any decent ornaments in your Church?

*The ten Com-
mandments, &
table of degrees
of matrimonie
set up.*

4 Whether have you the ten commandments faire written, and set up in the East end of your Church, and the table of the degrees of matrimonie set up also in your Church?

*Church walls
whited: Scri-
pture sentences
written.*

5 Whether be the walls of your Church whited, and faire and discreetly written with chosen sentences of holy Scripture?

*The book of Ca-
nons to be read.
Register book.*

6 Whether have you a book of Canons of 1603? and doth your Minister read them publickly once every yeare?

7 Whether have you a Register book in parchment of them that be christened, married, and buried from the first yeare of the late Queen Elizabeth, until this time? And whether every Sabbath day next after such christning, marriage, or buriall, doth the Minister in the presence of the Churchwardens therein write the names of the parties, and also the day and yeare of such christening, marriage, and buriall had the week before? And whether have the Minister and Churchwardens subscribed their names to the end of every page being full?

*Register book
how it is kept.*

8 Whether is the said Register book laid up again, and kept in a sure chist under three locks and three keies? and who do keep the said keyes? and who hath kept the said Register book this last yeare? And you are to bring or send your certificates of christnings, marriages, and burials to the visitation, and to deliver them to him who shall execute the office of Register to the lord Bishops visitors there, and to subscribe them as the Canon requireth.

*Glebe land
changed.*

9 Whether have any ministers, or lay-persons, changed, usurped, or inclosed any of the glebe, or taken away any part of the

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the building belonging to the Church, parsonage, or vicarage, or do detain from the Parson or Vicar any tithes, glebe-land, duties, or profits, which you know, or have heard have been prolonged, within the memorie of man, unto the parsonage or vicarage? And whether is there any land or medow anciently employed or set apart for the Churches use, converted now, or taken away to temporall use?

10 Whether have any built or encroached upon any part of the Churchyard, without sufficient authority from the Ordinarie?

11 Whether have there been in your Church, Chapel, or Churchyard, any plaies, gaming at bowls, tennis, playing, and or football, or any other playing? Either any feasts, Church-seasts in ales, temporall courts, leets, or any other profane usage there, Churchyards, and by whom?

12 Whether hath any person or persons made or set any umbrells, or other things in your Churchyard to fodder cat- tell in?

13 Whether is the grasse in your Churchyard, or any in part thereof eaten by swine, or other noysome cattell? and to what use doth your Minister, or other person to whom the Churchyard belongeth, employ the same? And whether have you seen any swine or other cattell in your Churchyard since you were Churchwardens? and whose swine or cattell, and what kinde of cattell were they?

14 Whether is your Churchyard annoyed or profaned by hanging of clothes, or bleaching of cloth, or laying of rubbish, dung, or durt therein, or the like? And whether is there any other use or uses made thereof then the buriall of the dead? and what use and uses?

15 Whether have any trees been cut down in the Churchyard, and by whom, and how employed?

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2 Concerning the office and duty of the Minister alone.

The Ministers residence.

The Curates admission.

The cure served by the Minister, or by a Curate.

Monethly sermons.

Homilies.

Simone.

Prayers duey to be said.

Letanie to be read upon wednesdaies and fridaies, and a bell to be tolled.

Holy dayes and fasting dayes to be warned.

Perambulati on to be warn ed and kept.

The Ministers license to preach

VVether is your Parson or Vicar resident upon his benefice, and whether doth he use a Curate, and whether is the Curate lawfully admitted to holy orders, and licensed by the Ordinarie under his hand and seal, to serve the cure in that place, and have you seen such license? and hath the Curate a competent stipend for his maintenance?

2 Whether hath your Minister more benefices then one, and how farre distant? doth he serve one cure himself, and there diligently preach? and hath he a sufficient preacher for his curate in his absence at the other, and doth allow him competent wages?

3 If your Minister be not a preacher, whether doth he procure monethly sermons to be made by some able licensed preacher? And whether doth he when there is no sermon read an homilie?

4 Whether is there any publick fame in your parish of any simonie which your Minister hath used directly or indirectly, or any money or other reward which he gave to his patron, or any other for his living?

5 Whether doth your Minister every Sunday and Holy day, and on their eyes, sing or say distinctly in due time and place, the prayers and service, according to the book of Common prayer, without addition or omitting any thing, or altering any thing?

6 Whether doth your Minister say or sing the Letanie in your parish Church upon wednesdaies and fridaies, causing a bell to be tolled thereunto: and whether doth he give warning of the Holy dayes, fasting dayes, and the Ember weeks?

And whether doth he warn the perambulations? And whether hath he and the parishioners kept the same perambulations, and who hath neglected the same?

7 Whether doth your Parson, Vicar or Curate expound any

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any Scripture, or preach, not being thereunto licensed? And whether is your Minister licensed to preach or no, and by whom?

8 Whether doth your Minister before his sermon, lecture, *The Ministers or homilie*, pray for the Kings Majestie, giving him his law-*prayer before full title, and just stile*; and commend our gracious Queen *in her sermon*. M A R I E, and Royall Prince C H A R L E S in his prayers to Almighty God, following that form of prayer prescribed in the 55. Canon? And whether doth he alwaies end his prayer with the Lords prayer saying, *Our Father which art, &c.*

9 Whether doth your Minister misbehave himselfe in ill demeanour, preaching or praying, so that the congregation are offended or opposition in thereat: and whether doth he teach publickly opposite preaching doctrine against any other Minister, or any other Minister against him? Declare the points as neare as you can. And whether doth the Minister observe the late orders and articles appointed by the Kings Majestie?

10 Whether have you any single lecture or preaching *Preaching by Lecturers.* by any but your own Minister? Whether have those Preachers or Preacher lawfull authoritie thereto from the lord Bishop? what stipend have they, and from whom? Whether doth the said Lecturer read prayers according to his Majesties late instructions, and conform himself to the orders of the Church of *England* according to the Canons? And whether doth he preach in his surplesie and hood, according to his degree?

11 Whether doth the Minister every Sunday and holy day, catechize the younger sort in the parish? what other catechisme doth he use then that in the book of Common prayer? And whether doth he admit any to the Communion that cannot say the catechisme appointed by the book of Common prayer?

12 Whether doth your Minister keep any private meetings for prayers, or teaching (other then with his own families) or any private fasts or exercises, or exorcising to cast *Private meetings and fasts.*

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out divels, without lawfull authoritie?

Oppugners of
the govern-
ment of the
Church of Eng-
land, and of the
rites used
therein.

wearing the
surplesse and
hood.

Three commu-
nions at the
least to be
warned yearly.
Communion ad-
ministered to
them that kneel
not.

Excommunica-
ted persons ad-
mitted to the
communion.
Not excommu-
nicated persons
rejected from
the communion
Marriages in
the time prohib-
ited.

13 Whether hath your Minister or any other in your parish, in their sermons preached any seditious doctrine, or op-pugned, or spoken against the doctrine, orders, or ceremonies of the Church of *England*; as against the Kings supremacie, the government of the Church, the book of Canons, the communion book, kneeling at the communion, crosse in baptisme, surplesse, ring in marriage, the bowing at the name of *Jesus*, or any other of the rites authorized?

14 Whether doth your Minister use the rites and ceremonies, and other orders appointed by the laws and canons of the Church & realm, in the administering of the sacraments and service; as a comely surplesse with sleeves, and upon it an hood (if he be a graduate) suitable to his degree, the crosse in baptisme, and the ring in mariage, and the rest?

15 Whether doth the Minister warn, and celebrate so many communions, that every parishioner may receive thrice at the least in the yeare, and especially once at Easter?

16 Whether doth your Minister administer the communion *viz.* either the bread or wine, to any but those that do receive it kneeling, and to whom, and after what manner?

17 Whether hath your Minister admitted any excommunicated or suspended person to the communion? and whether hath he rejected any from the communion that were not notorious offenders, or excommunicated? and for what cause did he reject them?

18 Whether do you know, or have heard of any married in your Church at the times prohibited, or not being thrice asked in the Church, or without a lawfull license, or in an unlawfull place, or hour, that is, not between eight and twelve of the clock in the forenoon; or where the parties or one of them under one and twenty yeares of age, had not the consent of their parents? And who were those parties? The time prohibited is from the saturday next before Advent sunday, untill the 14. of January, and from the saturday next before Septuagesima sunday, untill the munday next after Low sunday, and

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and from the Sunday before Rogation week, untill Triantie Sunday.

19 Whether have any been married within the degrees *Marriage* forbidden? and whether have any been married in your *within the de-* Church, neither partie dwelling in your parish? and what is *grees forbidden* the name and names of the same parties? and what Minister married them? and who were present at the same marriage? Declare the truth upon your oaths.

20 Whether hath your Minister wittingly married any *A woman un-* couple, the woman being then publickly noted, suspected, *lawfully with* or famed to be with childe unlawfully? and when, & whom, *childe married.* the same parties not having first done penance, nor procured license from the Ordinary?

21 Whether doth your Minister visit the sick, or neglect to *Minister ne-* go and comfort them, or to minister the Communion to them; *glecting to visit* or to baptize a childe that is in danger, having no lawfull im- *the sick:* pediment?

22 Whether doth your Minister too frequently resort to *His resorting to* taverns, or alehouses, or use any unlawfull games? or doth he *alehouses, &c.* use any servile labour, as carting, plowing, &c. or the like? *Doing servile* *labour.*

23 Whether doth your Minister use canonical, modest, and *The Ministers* decent apparell according to his ability, and that without cu- *apparell.* riositie, or newfanglednesse? and doth he weare in his jour- *His cloak in* neys a cloak with sleeves, commonly called a Priests cloak, *bis journeys.* without gards, long-buttons, or cuts, according to the Canon?

24 Whether doth your Minister use any quoif or wrought *Ministers wear-* night-cap, contrary to the Canon? *ring wrought* *night-caps.*

25 Whether doth your Minister keep a book, wherein he *A book of exco-* noteth and writeth down the names of all persons excommu- *municated and* nicated, and suspended in your Church? And whether doth *suspended per-* he every sixe moneths openly denounce in his parish church, *sons to be kept.* every such person of his parish as doth persevere in that censure of excommunication, not seeking to be absolyed? And what are the names of all those that stand either excommunicated or suspended in your parish? And whether is any such person admitted into the Church, without a sufficient certificate of his absolution?

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The communion to be read. 26 Whether hath the form of communion against impenitent sinners, been read in your Church to the people, according to the book of Common prayer?

The fifth of November to be celebrated. 27 Whether doth the Minister warn & celebrate the fifth day of November? and whom do you know in your parish that refuseth to celebrate the same?

Godfathers admitted before they have received the communion. 28 Whether hath your Minister admitted any to be Godfather or Godmother to any childe at christening, before such person so undertaking have received the holy Communion?

3. Duties concerning the Minister and parishioners.

Standing up at the Belief, &c. 1 Whether do the Minister and parishioners stand up at the reading or saying of *Glory be to the Father, &c.* at the saying of the Belief, and reading of the Gospel? and whether do they bow and make low reverence at the name of J E S U S, as is enjoyed by the Ecclesiastical laws of this Realm? And you are to present the names of those that have neglected so to do.

Sufficient bread and wine for the Communion. 2 Whether do the Churchwardens, with the advice of the Minister, provide a sufficient quantitie of fine white bread, and also of wholesome wine for the number of the Communicants? and whether is the same wine brought in a fair pot or stoop of pewter, or purer metall?

Baptisme deferred. 3 Whether have any deferred the baptizing of their childe any longer then till the next Sabbath or Holiday after the birth thereof?

Children dying unbaptized. 4 Whether hath any childe died unbaptized in your parish, and how long did it live after it was born? and by whose default was that sacrament not administred?

Popish & schismaticall conventicles. 5 Whether have you heard of any in your parish that keep Popish or other schismatrical conventicles, private fasts or exercises? And you are to present the names both of the speakers and hearers,

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6 Whether are there in your parish any Popish, Anabaptists, Anapisticall Brownist, or other Recusant, or Non-communicant; ^{baptists, Brownists, Recusants.} or who labour to pervert others to their opinions?

7 Whether have any persons been married either secretly ^{Private or publick marriages} in any private house, or openly in the Church, without sufficient license or banes ^{without banes or license.} thrice published in the time of divine Service, three severall Sundayes or Holidayes before the congregation? who were present at such marriage? and what Minister did marry them?

8 Whether doth any man or woman married together, *Man and wife* live from their husbands or wives? and which of them is in *living asunder*. default as you have heard?

9 Whether do you know or have heard of any that observe not the abstinence or fasts (by the Laws and Canons *not observed*) commanded and warned in the Church) of the time of Lent, Ember-weeks, Fridayes and Saturdayes, and holy Eves?

4. Concerning parishioners alone.

1 Whether do all and singular dwellers and sojourners ^{Diligently resorting to} within your parish diligently resort to your parish Church (with their servants and children) to morning and evening Prayer upon every Sunday and Holiday? and whether do they with due attention orderly there abide during the whole time of Common prayer, Service, and Sermon, reverently behaving themselves, as well inwardly, as also by outward gesture of their bodies, in keeping their heads uncovered, in kneeling, standing, and other decent behaviour as is appointed?

2 Whether have your people observed the Sabbath day ^{Observing of the Sabbath} duly in all sobernes and godly conversation? or be there any ^{Profaners of the Sabbath.} which have profaned the same, by playing at cards, tables, foot-ball, dauncing, bowling, excessive ringing, immoderate drinking, or other foolish delight, or vain pleasure?

3 Whether have any rudely behaved themselves in the ^{Rude behaviour in the Church.} Church,

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Church, by walking, talking, laughing, sleeping, or keeping their hats on their heads in time of divine Service?

*Departing out
of the Church
in prayer time.*

4 Whether have any (without just cause) departed out of the Church in time of divine Service, Sermon, or celebration of Baptisme?

*Not kneeling
at the receiving
of the Commu-
nion.*

5 Whether have any parishioners neglected to kneel at the receiving of the Communion? and whether have they received it any other way then kneeling? and how?

*Churching of
women.*

6 Whether have you any women which have not decently and orderly come to the Church with a vail or other grave attire, thereby discerned from the rest of the company, (to give God thanks after child-birth) giving the Minister notice thereof before?

*Forrainers re-
sorting to your
Church.*

7 Whether have you any common resorters to your Church being not of your parish? or do any such receive the Communion with you?

*Excommuni-
cates.*

8 Whether do any in your parish wittingly converse with excommunicate persons? what excommunicate persons have been buried in your Church or churchyard?

*Parishioners
going to other
Churches.*

9 Whether do any of your parishioners accustome to go to other Churches, and leave their own?

*Non-communi-
cants.*

10 Whether have any above seventeen yeares of age not received thrice in the yeare the Communion; or any under that age refused to be catechized by their Minister?

*Refusing to be
catechized.*

11 Whether have any abused your Minister by blows or unreverent speeches? or beaten, quarrelled, or chided with any man in the Church or churchyard?

*Ministers abu-
sed.*

12 Whether be your parishioners conveniently placed and seated in your Church? and whether do any contend touching their places? and do any servants or youth prevent the housholders of their seats?

*Beating or
quarrelling in
the Church or
Churchyard.*

13 What persons do you know, that come not diligently to Church on Sundayes and Holidayes to heare prayers; or which usually come late after prayers be begun? or which refuse or neglect to send their children and servants to be catechized?

*Parishioners
decently seated.*

*Negligent com-
mers to church.*

*Neglect of ca-
techizing.*

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14 If you have any Chappells of ease in your parish, Inhabitans in whether do the inhabitants resort once a yeare at the least to Chappelries. the parish church, to receive the Communion?

15 Whether have any contracted matrimonie (upon your knowledge, or by fame) and do not proceed to the solemnization thereof? Delaying to be married after matrimonie contracted.

16 Whether are there any in your parish who occupie or enjoy any goods of any man deceased, not having proved his Will, nor taken administration of his goods where there was no Will made? Possessors of dead mens goods without authoritie.

5. Concerning Free-schools, Hospitals, Parish-clerks, Physicians, Chirurgions, and Midwives.

1. Whether is there in your parish any free-school, or any Employment of moneys, rents, stocks, lands, or houses, given or anciently employed, or set apart for the maintenance of a school, free-schools & or of an hospitall, or the repaires thereof? Whether are the hospitals, &c. said moneys, or lands, &c. so employed as they were bequeathed? or whether are they detained or usurped to any other use? and by whom?

2. Whether have you any Schoolmaster, or Usher in your parish? what is his name? and whether is he licensed by the Ordinaries? and whether is he of sound religion, and honest conversation?

3. Whether doth your Schoolmaster catechize his scholars in the grounds of religion according to the catechisme in the book of Common prayer, and cause them discreetly to behave themselves in the Church on Sundayes and Holidayes in time of divine Service, and catechizing?

4. Whether is your Church or any thing thereto belonging annoyed, by teaching scholars there? and doth your

Church made a common school-house.

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Schoolmaster teach there without the consent of the Minister and Parishioners?

The parish-clerks sufficiency.

5 VVhether is your Parish-clerk above twentie yeares of age, and sufficient for his place? and whether is he able to read distinctly, and to sing, and write? and whether is he diligent in his office? and whether is he admitted, approved of, or licensed by the Ordinary to execute the same office, or no? and what are the profits of his clerkship yearlye worth?

Meddling above his office.

6 VVhether doth the Clerk or any person not authorized meddle above his place, as to read prayers, bury the dead, church women, and such like?

His duties.

7 VVhether doth the Clerk or Sexton keep clean the Church, ring the bels, attend the buriall of the dead, and all other things belonging to his place?

Proclamations of lay-businesses made in the Church.

8 VVhether hath your Parish-clerk, or any other in Prayers time, or before Prayers or Sermon ended, before the people departed, made proclamation in your Church touching any goods strayed away or wanting; or of any Leetcourt to be held, or of common-dayes-works to be made, or touching any other thing, which is not meerly ecclesiasticall, or a Church-business?

The Clerks wages unpaid.

9 VVhether do all the parishioners pay their accustomable wages and duties to the Clerk and Sexton? And what be their names that refuse?

Physicians and Chirurgions not licensed.

10 VVhether are there in your parish any not known Doctors of that profession, that practise physick? or Chirurgions, and who are they? And whether are they authorized or licensed or no? and how, and by whom?

Midwives not licensed.

11 Seeing it is much imputed to Ecclesiasticall officers, that the ancient cognizance of the Church in examining the sufficiencie and honest demeanour of Midwives, and approbation of them in their office is almost altogether neglected, no other Court taking notice thereof, and so no difference being made betwixt them that are able and sufficient, and others who by inexperience & want of skill, are causes, that either woman, or childe, or both do perish; and besides this inconveni-

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venience, many of the unworthier sort of that profession are instruments to cover adulteries and incontinencies, and other misdemeanours, either in doing their offices too secretly, or not using due examination appertaining to them, at time of deliverie of women justly suspected of the crimes abovesaid. You shall therefore enquire and present what women in your parish do practise the art or skill of midwifery, not being approved and licensed thereunto: and set down their names and descriptions. And if there be diverse in your parish, signifie them that are most worthy in your opinion to be approved and allowed.

6 Notorious crimes committed by any within the Ecclesiastical cognizance.

1 Whether have you any which to your knowledge, or *Adulterers, fornicators &c.* by common fame, have committed incest, adultery, or fornication; either any malicious or uncharitable persons, bauds, common drunkards, usurers, brawlers, slanderers, swearers, cursers, blasphemers, common scolds, ribaulds, perjured persons, or such like?

2 Whether have any received, conveyed, or harboured any *Harbourers of* light or lewd women, or any unlawfully begotten with *fornicators*. childe, or vehemently suspected thereof, and have suffered them to depart before they have performed penance enjoyned by the Ordinarie.

3 Whether is there in your parish any woman unlawfully *Fornication before marriage.* begotten with childe before her marriage, or which is thereof *fore marriage.* vehemently suspected? And whether is there not a publick fame that some mean person hath been procured to marry such woman, and cover the fault of the true offender? And declare by whom, as the fame goeth.

4 Whether have any of your parish which have heretofore committed fornication, gone or departed out of your *Penance unperformed.* parish

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parish before they performed and did penance for the same? and with whom did they last dwell before such their going and departing out of your parish? and where are they now?

Children christened out of their own parishes.

5 Whether have any childe or children been born in your parish, which have not been christened in your parish church? and where were the same childe or children christened? and by whom? And whether have any children been christened in your Church upon any other day then Sunday, or an Holy day, or at other time of the day then in prayer time on those dayes, unlesse it were upon necessary occasion?

Sorcerie, &c.

6 Whether have you any which by common fame use witchcraft, sorcerie, charms, unlawfull prayer or invocation in Latine or English, or any that resort to such for counsel or help?

Drinking in prayer time.

7 Whether have any Inkeepers, Alewives, Victuallers, or Tiplers, received, harboured, or suffered any person to eat, drink, stay, or play in their houses in time of Common prayer, Sermon, or Homily, on Sundayes or Holidayes? And what persons were so received, harboured, or suffered? and have they sold forth any drink or victualls at the like time? And have any of your parish loytered, or been gaming abroad at the same time?

Shopkeepers profaning the Sabbath, &c.

8 Whether have any laboured, wrought, or gone to cart on the Sunday or Holiday? and have any artificers, Shoemakers, Chandlers, Mercers, Butchers and the like, set open their shop windows, or doores, or used their trade, or any manuall occupation upon any of those dayes, or have sold any wares or goods belonging to their trade, in the time of Prayer, Sermon, or Homilie upon any Sunday or Holiday? and who were the same that did so?

Mills grinding in prayer time.

9 Whether have you in your parish any water mills, windmills, fulling-mills, or other mills which have been suffered to grinde or go upon the Sabbath day, in prayer time, or any other time or part of the day? and by whose sufferance do they so grinde or go? And whether have you any cloth hung upon

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upon tenters, or laid out to be bleached upon the Sabbath day unnecessarily, or to the offence of the congregation?

10 Whether do any refuse to pay their sciments lawfully *Sesments un-*
made to the repairs and ordinary charges of the Church, *pard.*
whether they dwell within your parish, or without, having
or occupying goods or lands within it?

11 Whether have any miscalled, or railed upon any of *Churchwardens*
the Churchwardens or Questmen, for doing of their duties *abusd.*
according to their oaths?

7. The Churchwardens duties.

1 Whether are your Churchwardens according to order, *Churchwar-*
and lawfully chosen? whether have the old Church-*dens accompts.*
wardens accompted for what they received to the Minister
and parish? And whether do they and the Sidemen meet to
confer of these present, or any former articles given them in
charge, to make true presentments? or have they wilfully
omitted to present known or famed offenders?

2 Whether did the Churchwardens your predecessors *Former Church-*
faithfully present to their Ordinary from time to time all de-*mardens omit-*
faults and offences mentioned in these articles, which chan-*ting to present.*
ced in the time of their office? And what offences did they
omit to present?

3 Whether hath any Churchwarden or any other lost, *Church goods*
sold, or detained any ornaments, bels, or implements of the *or ornaments*
Church, or any legacies bequeathed thereunto? or have they *lost.*
not given to the parishioners a true and perfect accompt of all
things in their office?

4 What strangers have preached in your Church this last *Strangers*
yeare, and by whom were they authorized as Preachers? And *preaching.*
whether have you a book on purpose to write their names in? *A book to write*
and whether have they written their names in that book, and *Strange Preach-*
also therein expressed who gave them authority so to preach, *ers names in.*

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that thereby it may be known who presumeth to preach that is not licensed? And whether did you see such Preachers license, or no?

*Churchwardens
to search ale-
houses, &c.*

5 Whether do the Churchwardens about the midst of divine Service, usually walk forth, and make search for such as are then abroad in the streets, or in taverns, or alehouses, suspected to harbour idle company?

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